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REP. GROSS SCORES CAPITAL FESTIVITY

He Objects to Dancing Till Down by Top Officials

WASHINGTON, May 11 (AP)—Representative H. R. Gross says the Johnson Administration's "mink coat set" should cut out its 3 A.M. White House parties and swinging watusis in the Smithsonian Institution.

"If they want to do this, I suggest they renovate one of the burlesque halls for which Washington is fairly notorious," the Iowa Republican said. He added: "I don't think, with a war going on, and the problems this Government has to face, that the President of the United States, his family or the Vice President ought to spend time dancing until 3 in the morning."

Mr. Gross first made some of his observations on the House floor yesterday, then elaborated on them in an interview.

Referring to the Opera Ball, a midnight dinner-dance for 1,000 held last Friday in the Smithsonian's Museum of History and Technology, he said: "I was amazed and shocked that they had a \$75 to \$100 per ticket dance at the Smithsonian with the [Rev.] Bill Moyers

doing the watusi and frug and one woman sent home to get dressed because she was half naked."

Mr. Moyers, the White House press secretary who is an ordained Baptist Minister, was indeed doing the watusi, as were a dozen ambassadors, half the Cabinet, a number of Congressional leaders and their wives.

Mrs. Rudolph E. Carter, wife of a State Department officer, showed up wearing a transparent white lace dress with only a flesh-colored body stocking underneath. Some of her fellow members of the ball's executive committee sent her home to put on a slip, she did.

"I'm not antidancing," Mr. Gross said. "But I don't think the President or Vice President should be carrying on till morning. And I don't see why the Smithsonian should be made available for this kind of gyrating."

When a colleague suggested

that the Government would not "go to hell" over their partying, Mr. Gross replied:

"I've never made the journey to hell. I don't know whether you go by wheelbarrow or Cadillac or mink coat. I'd describe this as the mink coat set."